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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

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- ☒ 33 pages of Specification/Claims 1-10/Abstract are attached.  
☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-20; 9 sheet(s) are attached.  
☐ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.  
☐ An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_ is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.  
☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached, along with Form PTO-1449, and 1 reference.  
☐ This application is entitled to Small Entity Status.  
☐ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.  
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, ---  
☒ Priority of foreign application No. 2000-010972 filed January 19, 2000 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.  
☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

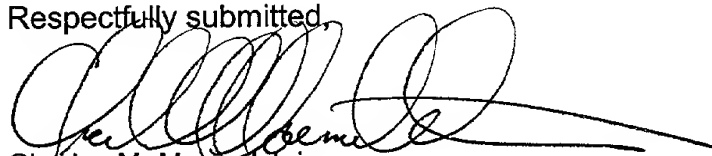
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